

## Teachers

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Wagner read the results of the secret ballot, which contained three questions:

- "Based on all of the information available to you at the present time, do you believe, in your professional opinion, that the four-period day concept would be beneficial to you personally as a teacher?" The teachers voted no, 19-18.
- "Based on all of the information available to you at the present time, do you believe, in your professional opinion, that a four-period day, as implemented by the Dallas School District, would be beneficial to the education of our students?" The teachers voted no, 35 to two.
- "Based on all of the information available to me at the present time, in my professional opinion, I would recommend the implementation of a four-period day." Two teachers selected this choice. "...I would not recommend the implementation of a four-period day." The remaining 32 teachers selected this choice.

"The teachers lack confidence in the implementation and maintenance of this plan," Wagner said. "The district's last major change was in 1986, when the board established the middle school. Some objectives were met, but others - including the interdisciplinary teams which are a central factor in 90 percent of the middle schools we studied - were abandoned. They only exist on paper."

Wagner added that some teachers have assumed that the board will give them everything they asked for on their wish list of equipment necessary to implement intensified scheduling, from a \$50,000 new biology lab to \$59,000 in new computers and \$30,000 worth of new classroom furniture.

"I think the board had its mind made up a long time ago to go through with this," he said after the meeting.

He also scolded administrators who claimed teachers spend the first 10 minutes of every class period taking roll and introducing the lesson and the last 10 minutes assigning homework, leaving only 30 minutes of actual instruction time.

"I am offended that people think I don't do anything for 10 minutes at the start and 10 minutes at the end of every class," he said. "If this is part of my schedule, maybe I should take it."

The teachers' vote came a week after superintendent Gerald Wycallis said at a work session that teachers who refuse to cooperate with retraining for the new schedule could be moved to other positions.

The section of the plan to implement the four-period day to which he referred reads, "Staff members who decline the opportunity for staff development may be transferred. This will allow other staff members the opportunity to participate in the educational reform movement."

by Grace R. Dove

## Jones

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sons Bill and Bob, and wife Marie, formerly a Conrad from Wilkes-Barre. There is also a four-legged Jones, Buddy, a black and white stray who found a loving home complete with doggie treats which keep him from straying again.



When Red Jones isn't campaigning or raising funds, he can usually be found behind a microphone calling square dances.

In civilian life Red is a sales manager for Great Northern Press, an occupation hard to spot behind his extra-curricular activities, like banquet speaker and committee member. Name it, he's been on it. He has also been a Lake-Lehman school director and was co-chairman of the county Arthritis Foundation telethon.

His current foray into politics is not his first; twice before he was narrowly defeated. Dr. Rudolf Schleich, Professor of History at King's College says, "His campaigns could have the long-term effect of revitalizing the Republican Party in this region. Jones shows his extraordinary character in the face of adversity. His

## Black Knights change football starting times

The starting times of the following varsity football games at Lake-Lehman are: Saturday, Oct. 14, Bishop Hoban at Lehman, 2 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 28, Nanticoke at Lehman, 12 noon; Saturday, Nov. 4, Dallas at Lehman, 2 p.m.

## A typical Sunday for Red Jones:

Breakfast meeting - 9 a.m.  
2nd Breakfast meeting - 10:30 a.m.  
Spaghetti lunch - 12:30 p.m.  
Cocktail party - 2:30 p.m.  
Band Meeting - 4:15 p.m.  
Rally - 6 p.m.  
which may account for his having logged 331 affairs since mid-year.

involvement with civic service, rather than diminish with defeat, increases in energy. He exemplifies that truism that 'the smallest good deed is worth more than the grandest intention'."

Jones is typically modest when it comes to his political life. He says, "Everyone thinks I am a 'rock-ribbed' Republican conservative. I think of myself as something of a moderate." There are imposing numbers of people who say that people don't know the real Red Jones.

One of these is Bonnie Turchin, a teacher at Lake-Noxen Elementary. She says, "The extent of what this man does for those in need is so wide it will never entirely be known. In the fall of '82 our son Eddie, then 8, was diagnosed as having an inoperable brain tumor. High radiation drained him and he could not swim, his favorite exercise, because my husband was out of work and our medical expenses were too high for us to afford a pool."

"Thanks to Red, there were donations for a 27' pool. He also arranged for a crew of teachers to install the pool, the fire company to fill it with water, and an electrician to wire the filter. Then, at 11 years of age, Eddie had a cerebral aneurysm which left him in a wheelchair. Red again helped get donations...this time for a van to handle Eddie's needs.

"I could go on...like Sunday mornings when other guys are reading the papers, Red is visiting hospitals and nursing homes cheering up those who sorely need it. I'll give you three words...tireless, unselfish and caring. How's that?"

Bonnie Turchin also knew Red when they were only 12 and 13, which leads to another remarkable facet of this quite remarkable man: his main and only hobby is, of all things, square-dance call-

ing.

Growing up on Plymouth Mountain, Red's dad used to take him to neighborhood dances, where furniture would be moved out of one room, a fiddle summoned, and fun began. Red was fascinated with callers and their time-honored calling phrases. He especially liked the "singing" callers, rather than those who only droned out spoken instructions.

The youngster worshipped the leading callers of the time like Abe Bellis, Carl Hanks and Ozzie Lewis. One night, 13-year-old caller-fan Jones found himself pressed into service to replace a caller who got his dates mixed up. From then on: history! His career paid him a magnificent \$2.25 per dance. He, of course, long ago quit charging anything and the list of dance money raised he has "called for" since is endless. (Ask around in Sweet Valley or Berwick or West Nanticoke and other

communities. (That ole Red, he's a good ole boy!)

How anything else can be crammed into Mr. Jones days (daze?) is difficult to imagine, but you might see him early at the 1-to-1 Center on Memorial Highway. He's an early riser and back problems ease with a daily exercise routine to start the day. He says, "I'm not trying to be a Joe Palooka but it helps some to work out the kinks."

A Red Jones political guideline as quoted in *The Dallas Post* a few years ago is worth repeating: "I'm not interested in good politics but in good government." He also adds this revealing statement: "In the 32 years I have been in politics I have never done nor said anything to embarrass my family, and I never intend to, for they are the top priority in my life. Without my wife and four children I would have no need to look to the future."

## Holiday Interests.



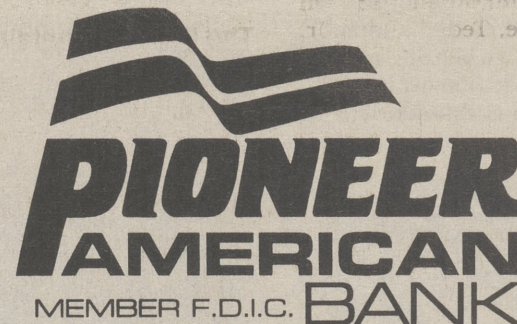
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## Board ok's

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hold back the better students by deleting valuable content from the curriculum. I see here the potential for great boredom."

Janice Winter wanted to know who will choose what material won't be taught - which Shakespeare plays, math equations and science experiments will be deleted from the curriculum.

Superintendent Gerald Wycallis assured the parents that if he believed intensified scheduling would adversely affect his son, who is in eighth grade this year and will begin it next fall, he too would also strenuously object to it.

In order to implement intensified scheduling, assistant superintendent Dr. Gil Griffiths estimated it will cost the district \$207,800 to \$210,300; between \$7,500 and \$10,000 to retrain the

teachers, \$59,000 for new computers, \$14,300 for audio-visual equipment and \$127,000 for "departmental special needs" - including a \$50,000 new biology lab and new classroom furniture to the tune of \$30,000. The list was based on recommendations from the teachers and department heads, he said.

After the vote, the audience of parents and teachers who had filled every seat in the room filed silently outside.

"They had their minds made up before the vote," said Dallas Education Association president Bill Wagner.

Others refused to comment.

In other business, the board voted to approve a list of aides, substitute teachers, nonprofessional staff and elementary school volunteers.

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